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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

COMMERCE & TRANSPORT (COMMERCE) DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 27th February 2024

Subject— Clarification on Minimum Guaranteed Cargo (MGC) *vis-a-vis* the Designed Capacity under the Odisha Port Policy, 2022.

The State Government have formulated the Odisha Port Policy, 2022 to provide guidelines and direction to take up survey and techno-economic feasibility studies to facilitate private sector investment for development of port and port based industries with a view towards a Holistic Development of Maritime Ecosystem in Odisha.

In the said policy, under Clause 6.1.5.2(v), it has been prescribed that "Minimum Guaranteed Cargo (MGC) for Captive Cargo will be fixed by Government on project-specific basis as percentage(%) of Designed Capacity". This provision was placed before the Odisha Maritime Board and the Board recommended in the meeting held on the 4th November 2023 that a Clarification to Clause 6.1.5.2(v) of the Odisha Port Policy, 2022 is required to be clarified that "the Designed Capacity shall mean the Designed Capacity of the Berth(s)".

After careful consideration of the above recommendation of the Odisha Maritime Board, and for appropriate interpretation of all stakeholders, Government have been pleased to clarify that "the Designed Capacity mentioned under Clause 6.1.5.2(v) of the said policy shall mean the Designed Capacity of the Berth".

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies of the Resolution be forwarded to all Department/all Heads of the Department.

By order of the Governor USHA PADHEE

Principal Secretary to Government